



May 24, 2017

Dear Long Grove Residents,

**Can you please help our village by speaking up TODAY?**

The Illinois Tollway Board has placed an item on their agenda for tomorrow, Thursday, May 25th, that includes the approval of a \$25 million dollar contract to perform an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the proposed Route 53 extension through our community. [Click here](#) to view the full agenda (see item 11 under 6.2 ENGINEERING).

The meeting is being held at the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority building located at 2700 Ogden Avenue in Downers Grove. The meeting is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. and the public will be able to address the Tollway Board with comments, in person or in writing.

The Village of Long Grove continues to oppose the projected path, which would split our community and neighborhoods. The plan includes multiple elevated roads through Long Grove that would negatively affect our natural resources and tranquil way of life. The proposed local funding would have a negative financial impact on our residents and the Village, and the funding identified so far is less than one-third of the estimated costs.

Others, including the Council of Mayors, support the project and path, and we believe they are not considering the full set of facts. Interestingly, villages within the path of the proposed road were not represented on the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee (BRAC) for the project. In addition, the co-chairs of the BRAC planning committee now have reversed their positions and no longer support the Route 53 plan.

On behalf of the Village Board, **I am requesting your help** and ask that you consider writing to the Governor and Tollway Board and urge them to stop work on the EIS study, and to not waste \$25 million dollars on this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

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